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## SJC Celebrates 38th Annual Little 500

by Katie Davet  
& Heather Hagan

On Saturday, April 21, Saint Joseph's College held its 38th annual Little 500 race.

The race kicked off at 12:15 p.m. with the official opening ceremonies. Drivers lined up shortly thereafter and the race began.

Serving as Grand Marshal of this year's Little 500 race was Indianapolis Disc Jockey "Gunner" of the popular radion station Q95.

The race was a close one with three veteran drivers battling it out for the top positions. Junior Kris Krouse edged out the competition to come in first, closely followed by Senior Charles Martin in second. Rounding out the top three was Senior Craig Phipps.

Prior to the student race, the 8th annual alumni Little 500 race was held. Steve McAleer, a graduate of the class of 1982, was the winner of this race with Steve Koos ('94) and Jon Messman ('90) coming in second and third, respectively.

The race capped off a week of Little 500 festivities which began with the much-anticipated Mr. Puma Competition on Wednesday night. A new twist was added this year with the addition of the Miss Puma contest (see related article on page three).

On race day, there were plenty of other activities going on to keep spectators more than occupied. The Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored novel acts such as the Bungee Run, Gladiator Joust, and Obitron. In addition, Professor Bonnie Zimmer and the SJC Art Club sponsored workshops on Raku Kiln firing.

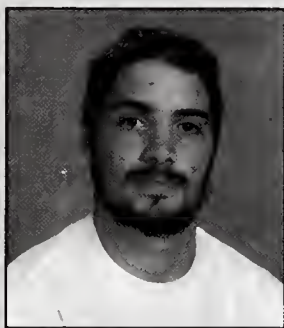
Later that evening, the Tippecanoe Chamber Music Society performed a program of classical music in the College Chapel. This performance was sponsored by the Faculty Fine Arts Committee and the Prairie Arts Council.

The winners of the race and their crews were honored Saturday evening at a banquet. There, the first, second and third place winners received their awards of \$500, \$250, and \$150 respectively.



**ROOKIE DRIVER MIKE** Eckhardt edges past Little 5 veteran Charles Martin. Eckhardt went on to finish a respectable 6th place. *Photo by Mandy Meyers*

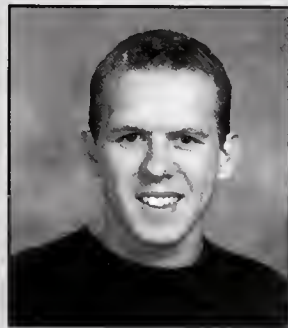
### The Winner's Circle



1st Place  
Kris Krouse



2nd Place  
Charles Martin



3rd Place  
Craig Phipps

Despite the atmosphere of festivity that engulfed the campus during Little 500 weekend, this year's race marked a time of memorial and sadness, as well. Last year, Jonathan David Northcutt completed his first Little 500 race as a freshman. He received the High Charger Award, given to the individual who shows the greatest improvement on time trials. Unfortunately, Jon passed away last summer after being involved in a fatal car accident.

In memory of Jon, the Little 500 committee has retired his number (#78) and the High Charger Award will now be known as the John D. Northcutt Memorial Award.

Jon's memory and his contribution to Little 500 history were recognized by all of this year's participants.

### 2000-2001 RACE RESULTS

- 1st Place: Kris Krouse
- 2nd Place: Charles Martin
- 3rd Place: Craig Phipps
- 4th Place: David McNelis
- 5th Place: Sara Nothnagel
- 6th Place: Mike Eckhardt
- 7th Place: Rhiannon Davis
- 8th Place: Marley Miller
- 9th Place: Polly Rainey
- 10th Place: Greg Rathnow
- 11th Place: David Banks
- 12th Place: David Snyder
- 13th Place: Mike Lahrman
- 14th Place: Chris Whitacre

## Jasper County Youth Center Nears Completion

by Breain Ma'Ayteh

Thanks to some help from Saint Joseph's College, local children and adolescents will have a new place to "hang out" by the end of this summer.

The Jasper County Youth Center will open "at the earliest June, the latest July," Executive Director Dave Baer said.

Located on Sparling Street behind the College, the youth center's construction has been ongoing since October 2000.

"We still have to do things like tile the kitchen floor, repaint a little, plant the grass outside... The outside needs more work than the inside does," Baer explained. "But we've got most of the furniture and equipment all ready to go."

The idea for the youth center was introduced in 1998 by a group of concerned local citizens. Included in that group were representatives from Rens-

selaer Child Care and the former Boys and Girls Club.

The Child Care Center wanted add a pre-school program to their itinerary, and the Boys and Girls Club had no place to meet. Combining forces into one project that would benefit all youth seemed like the best plan for everyone involved.

A Board of Directors was formed near the end of 1999, and they began to write grant and fundraising proposals.

The next issue was deciding where the center would stand. Saint Joe donated three acres of land to Jasper County for that purpose, and Baer emphasized how generous the college has been in the completion of the center.

"Many people at Saint Joe have been instrumental in this project coming as far along as it has. It's been a great marriage between the center and the college," he said.

There will be three types of programs

run at the center: after school programs, a Boys and Girls Club and a youth club. There will also be open time so children and young adults can simply come and "hang out." The youth clubs will be aimed for ages six through 17.

Baer also hopes that the members of the community will volunteer their time and talents to help with the kids.

"We're always on the look out for volunteers with ideas and expertise to share," he said. "Maybe a law officer can come in and talk to them about the importance of being drug-free. The education majors at the college can volunteer and gain experience in working with children. Everybody can get involved."

Dave Baer is excited about the completion of the center. "In terms of safe places for kids to go, Jasper County has never really has that before. There have been attempts, but now we've finally got something," he said.

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## Food for Thought 2: *The Sequel*

— by John Ligda —

In the previous edition of *The Observer*, the article "Meatless in Rensselaer: Food for Thought" questioned the cafeteria's policy of serving meat on Fridays during Lent. The response to this article was both surprising and enlightening.

Mr. Steve Santo, the Director of Dining Services, emailed to refute the statement that meat was served on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When Mr. Santo assumed his position as Director of Food Services he asked the school administration to advise him regarding the policy of meatless meals. He was told that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday were the only 'required' days of abstinence. Mr. Santo has faithfully observed the rules outlined by the administration.

It was also brought to my attention that, at the request of the priests, no meat is served in their dining room on any Friday in Lent. I found it interesting that the religious order that founded this institution would follow this practice while allowing the students they and their colleagues teach to observe another standard.

Another surprising comment came from an *Observer* proofreader who suggested that "Mr. Ligda needs to take a course in minding his own business." May I suggest that expressing my opinion on a school policy and challenging others to consider the rationale behind the existence of this policy is indeed "my business". Exercising First Amendment rights at the collegiate level should be encouraged rather than degraded.

As a Catholic Christian I often wonder at the double standard exhibited in Catholic institutions such as St. Joe. Students do not lack the ability or the conviction to practice the Catholic faith. Those who make that choice do not need to be reminded that Fridays in Lent are meatless. The decision to model their beliefs before their fellow students is admirable. In the real world of work and life they will be faced with this challenge on a daily basis. Is it asking too much that St. Joseph's College model as well this same sense of tradition and conviction?

*Congratulations  
to the  
Class of 2001*

*We wish you the  
best of luck!*



*From the Observer staff*

## THE FINAL COMPLAINT:

## Vandalism...coming soon to a dorm near you

— by Mandy Meyers —

Even though the school year is coming to a close, there is still one last thing I have to pick a bone with.

Here is my problem: I have the luxury of living close to the door on my floor. Since I reside next to the door, somehow I have been awarded the honor of letting everyone inside when they pound and bang on the door. I've been dealing with this problem all year. However it is not entirely everyone's stupidity in forgetting his or her keys that upsets me. If you are 21 and still can't remember to bring your keys, then you have some issues.

What bothers me is when people cannot use the phone in the lounge to call their friend to let them inside because the phone is gone. We all know how the phones magically disappear, too. It usually happens on a Friday or Saturday (but on our campus it can happen on Thurs-

day) when someone is intoxicated and wants to be an all-star. They then decide that it would be cool to steal our lounge phone.

Now what exactly do you do with the phones? Are you contributing to someone's collection? But I'm sure glad there is a phone hanging in the tree by Noll, you know, in case I ever need to make a call while I'm lounging up there. Inquiring minds would like to know. It is paying for the missing phone is where the real problem remains. We are charged ridiculously for cigarette butts and garbage on the floor, so you can only imagine how much it costs to replace a phone. Here is my solution to this child-like problem: If you want to steal phones, dry erase boards, markers, garbage cans, whatever tickles your fancy, do it in your own dorm. We don't come and destroy and steal things from your hall so please keep your paws off ours.

## Rectification of Morality in Politics

— by Luke Hansen —

Politicians are not looked upon in a favorable manner. But there are very good reasons for this. Modern legislators are usually raised in wealthy and prominent families, and they develop into mere puppets of the much larger political party, either Republican or Democrat. They become willing to compromise any moral, value, or principle that was installed deep within them as young adults.

The establishment of two major political parties has helped the American system of government survive for over 200 years by ensuring stability and opposing points of view. More recently, however, we have witnessed the detrimental effects of partisan politics. As politicians rise through the ranks, the tremendous pressure from big business and the national party, the major sources of campaign financing, seem to erode the fundamental beliefs of qualified public servants. Sometimes, the party's platform takes precedent over the opinion of a particular candidate.

This reality discourages good, young citizens to become involved in the political arena. In order to revitalize America's confidence in our political institution, I believe candidates need to step up and make some noise. First, they need to run as an independent candidate, free from any major party label, stereotype or impropriety. They should have their own values and opinions, some of which are very different from other politicians. More importantly, as author Stephen L. Carter explains, who has written books regarding religious involvement in the

political arena, "Politics needs morality, which means that politics needs religion."

This statement probably fired up the Institute for Separation of Church and State, but Carter further explains this message. "A nation that truly values religious freedom and the constitutional separation of church and state – must welcome the religious voice into its political counsels. To do otherwise is one sure way to accomplish the task of alienating the religious from democracy, for it places official imprimatur on the cultural message that religion is an inferior human activity."

We are engaged in the culture that says, "If it feels good, do it." Throughout our education at Saint Joseph's College, however, we have been encouraged to seek "truth." Once discovered, truth is something that cannot be compromised. During the Powell Lecture Series, one notable politician argued, "Our society holds dear Judeo-Christian values that have stood the test of time: love your neighbor; give an honest day's work for an honest day's wages. Tell the truth and be honest. Don't cheat or steal. Respect others, respect their property and respect their opinions. And always remember: you are responsible for the decisions you make. And that is the hope for my generation's legacy: that we usher in the responsibility era."

These values are basic, but their application seems so impractical in today's society. These principles are "easier said than done." But its time to set aside excuses. Someone needs to step up, without compromise, and defend these moral ideas. It is this generation's obligation to rectify morality in politics.

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you much success  
and happiness and  
may you never forget  
that IT'S A GREAT  
DAY TO BE A  
PUMA!

*You will be missed!*

## Geologist Talks about Finding the Origins of Humankind

*Dr. William Hart gives lecture to SJC students and public*

— by Maia Kingman —

The Core Program and the Geology Department of Saint Joseph's College hosted Dr. William K. Hart of Ohio's Miami University for an open lecture entitled "Geology and its Role in Human Evolution Research: Perspectives from the Middle Awash Valley, Ethiopia." Dr. Hart presented the lecture Sunday, April 22 at 7:00pm in the Shen Auditorium, located in the Banet Core Education Center on the Saint Joseph's College campus. The lecture was free and open to the public.

Dr. Hart is a geologist and a member of an international research team that searches for fossils of human ancestors and evidence of human evolution in the Ethiopian part of the East African Rift System.

In 1994, this research group announced the discovery of what is still the oldest known human ancestor, *Australopithecus ramidus* (later renamed *Ardipithecus ramidus*), a 4.4 million year old primitive hominid, which resembles a chimpanzee more than a modern human. In 1999, the group made news again with two important discoveries. One was the identification of a previously unknown, 2.5 million year old hominid, *Australopithecus garhi*, which had long legs and a human-like gait, but had ape-like arms, a small brain, and a large jaw. The other find, from the same geologic horizon, was evidence that hominids had used stone tools to butcher antelope carcasses—the oldest direct evidence of meat-eating by human ancestors.

In his lecture at Saint Joseph's College, Dr. Hart shared his geologist's perspective on the search for the origins of humankind, a field dominated by biologists and anthropologists. "Many Core 6 students attended the lecture. It was interesting to hear what Dr. Hart had to say," Junior Greg Gulvas stated.

## New Royalty Crowned This Year at SJC

*Pat Shannon and Rachel Nix are crowned Mr. and Miss Puma 2001*

— by Nichole Workman —

It is time to bow down to the newly named royalty here at SJC. Recently, Pat Shannon and Rachel Nix were named Mr. and Miss Puma.

The contest was held Wednesday and Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Halleck Center Ballroom. This was the first year for the Miss Puma contest. It was here where they displayed their best attire for formal and swimwear. Perhaps what really won the crowd and the judge's favor, however, was the talent contest. Our queen got up on stage and sang a beautiful, slow ballad and then surprised the crowd with an incredible, high-energy dance.

Participants for the annual Mr. Puma contest included Junior David McNelis,

Sophomores Sean Egan, Calvin Metts, Michael Lahrman, Adam Schoff, Tim Hayes, and lastly our king Pat Shannon. Favorite moments included the skirt wearing, Adam "Fat Kid" Schoff, standing on his head for the talent contest, and Michael "Sweet Kid" Lahrman showing off his "tighty-whities" in the flex portion of the contest. The boys were the brave souls who went first and showed the girls what to expect for the Miss Puma contest.

Miss Puma was a success the minute it began. The ballroom was jam-packed with students and faculty. Participants included Freshmen Jen Zak, Angie Williams, Molly Irons, and

Rachel Nix; Sophomores Julia Hahn and Rachel Meier; Juniors Beth Nix, Amanda Niccum and our queen Rachel Nix. Talents stemmed from art displays to a young lady demonstrating an exercise workout. Two of the favorites were Marilyn Tebbe's jazz performance telling the crowd how things really work at SJC and Beth Nix's imitation of a Saturday Night Live star Mary Catherine Gallagher. Runners up for Miss Puma included Marilyn Tebbe, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Molly Irons, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and in 1<sup>st</sup> place the queen's very own sister, Beth Nix.

King Pat, Queen Rachel, and their courts all had the opportunity of being royalty for this year's Little 500 festivities.

## Scenes from Little 500

**RIGHT:** Driver #33, Mike Lahrman heads down the straight-a-way on his way to a 12th place finish. This was Lahrman's rookie year.

*Photo by Mandy Meyers*

**BELOW:** Alumni drivers compete for the Little 500 racing title.

*Photo courtesy of Little 500 Website*



## 2000-2001 Academic Award Winners

The Academic Awards were held April 17th, 2001 in the Ballroom. Below is a list of this years winners. The Observer would like to congratulate all the students and professors on a job well done.

**Alpha Lambda Delta Senior Award:** Valectorians Amanda Bailey and Richard Gallo

**Trustee Awards** (given to the top graduating senior in each division): Commerce – Amy Van Schepen; Humanities – Wendy Charlesworth; Math/Science – Jason Burke; Social Science – Judith Miller; Natural Science – Richard Gallo

**Best of Core:** Core 1 – Kate Nowalk; Core 2 – Todd Huff; Core 3 – Todd Huff; Core 4 – Laura Hawkins; Core 5 – Ary Nelson; Core 7 – Ary Nelson; Core 8 – Derek Serna; Core 9 – Wendy Charlesworth; Core 10 – Heidi Wieland

**David E. Osterfeld Political Science Award:** Heather Hagan

**William L. Downard History Award:** Kathy Wienrank

**J. Phillip Posey Award for Outstanding Student in International Studies:** Tara Hairston

**Accounting Faculty Scholarship:** Matthew Stout

**J. Kevin Woods Memorial (Accounting):** David Del Principe

**Indiana CPA Society Award:** Roberto Cocot

**Douglas E. Bauer Memorial Award (Biology):** Kristy Tiede

**Outstanding Student in Environmental**

**Science:** Charles Martin

**Father Urban J. Siegrist Award (Biology):** Katie Mack and Megan Taylor

**Father William Kramer Chemistry Award:** Richard Gallo

**Computer Science Award:** Chris Sandor (junior) and Jason Burke (senior)

**Academic Achievement in Criminal Justice:** Megan Taylor

**Father Sylvester Ley Editorial Award:** Don Shanahan

**Father Paul Speckbaugh Reporter of the Year Award:** Bree Ma'Aytech

**Wall Street Journal Award:** Dan Adams

**Management/Marketing Faculty Award:** Dan Adams, Stephanie Bowers, Catherine Carroll, Brianna Samsel

**Students in Free Enterprise:** Polly Rainey

**Louis B. White Award (Choir):** Wendy Charlesworth

**Schnyler Robinson Award (Music):** Wendy Charlesworth

**John Heimann Award (Music):** Wendy Charlesworth

**Gregory E. Kulavik Award (Band):** Micah Combs

**Adam P. Lesinsky Award (Band):** Karen Johnson

**Maritain Academic Excellence Award (Education):** Shanna Arnold

**Meiring Alumni Teaching Excellence Award:** Professor Thomas Ryan

**Student Teacher Excellence Award for Elementary Education:** Shanna Arnold

**Student Teacher Excellence Award for Secondary Education:** ZoeAnn Chernowsky and Kathy Wienrank

**Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Craig Creative Educator Award:** Donald Shanahan

**Psychology Academic Excellence Award:** Gregory Gulvas

**Edward Ponzio Pshchology Award:** Judith Miller

**David B. Chattin Award (Psychology):** Gregory Gulvas and Julia Porter

**Ralph Cappaculli Award (Communications):** Derek Dabrowiak

**College and University Physical Education Council:** Karin Morrisroe

**National Association for Sport and Physical Education:** Kimberly Noon

**Outstanding Senior in Physical Education:** Kimberly Noon

**Model UN Security Council:** Brian Eddy and Luke Hansen

**Edwin G. Kaiser Faculty Scholar Award:** Neal Haskel

**Teaching Excellence Award:** Teresa Massoels

**Lifetime Achievement Awards:** John Egan, Anne-Marie Egan, Marge McIlwain

This year's Spring Formal, sponsored by Justin Hall, will be held Friday, April 27th from 10PM-2AM outside Core XI. Ticket prices are \$10 per couple and \$7 per person.

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## Puma Profile: A Closer Look at Brother Tim Hemm

*Director of Saint Joe C.P.P.S. community gets involved with the lives of students*

— Mike Potts —

Br. Tim Hemm is more than just the Director of the C.P.P.S. Community at Saint Joseph's College; he is also a popular member of another community - the community of Rensselaer.

For more than thirty years, Br. Tim has resided here at Saint Joe. He attended the college as a seminary student from 1965 to 1970. Upon graduation, he traveled back to his hometown of Piqua, Ohio, just twenty miles north of Dayton. But when he had the chance to come back to SJC in 1972, he was more than willing to return

"I jumped at the opportunity," he explained. "Saint Joe does a great service to the world [by educating students in preparation for post-graduate life]."

During those thirty some years at Saint Joe, Br. Tim has been a very active ingredient to the life on campus. Nearly everyone has felt the effects of his contributions, from his mechanical ability, to his guidance, to his efforts in making a number of retreats as successful as they have become.

For over twenty years, Br. Tim was in charge of the college garage.

It may be a little known fact, he thought, but he is very mechanically inclined and still enjoys occasionally going down to the garage and helping out.

Though his interest in mechanical work may not be

well known, his extraordinary work on the Kairos retreats is. Kairos gives students the opportunity to get away from the everyday stresses they face in their lives and spend some time reflecting on their relationships with one another and with God. It is a retreat aimed at introspection and self-revelation.

However, Kairos is not the only retreat with which Br. Tim is involved. He is also involved in

the planning of the Busy Student retreat, and is currently working toward planning more of these. In addition, he does work with a camping retreat, held twice a year, and is playing with the idea of a team retreat for many of the athletic teams at Saint Joe. But a main project for Br. Tim is an After-Kairos retreat,

which he is hoping to hold in the winter of 2002. An After-Kairos retreat would be designed for those who have already participated in the conventional Kairos experience. This retreat would be less formal.



**BROTHER TIM HEMM** talks with Kairos alumni Julia Hahn and Jonathan Pavesic at the Kairos XXX reunion. Br. Tim is actively involved with Kairos as well as with a number of other student retreats. *Photo courtesy of the Campus Ministry Homepage*

*"Saint Joe does a great service to the world."  
- Br. Tim Hemm*

## SJC Clubs in Perspective: A Closer Look at S.I.F.E.

*'Students in Free Enterprise' prepares students for business ventures in the real world*

— by Melissa Genova —

Students in Free Enterprise, or S.I.F.E., is a worldwide student-business organization that has a chapter here at SJC. Although many students have heard about S.I.F.E., not everyone is familiar with their accomplishments and goals.

The organization's main goal is to involve students in free enterprise and show them how business ventures work out in the real world. To get the word out, they advertise creatively with school-sponsored events like the Annual Bed Races and going to competitions.

Junior Polly Rainey, who is in charge of public relations, feels that one of the highlights of her S.I.F.E. experience was Free Enterprise Day. On this day, local high schools were invited to come to SJC and participate in a competition to create a new clothing line. They learned to work creatively with others and simultaneously learned new and valuable business skills.

Another way that S.I.F.E. reached out to the community was to host FED. A presentation about the four P's of business was given to local high schools. S.I.F.E. was also involved with the "Lemonade Stand." According to the S.I.F.E. newsletter, written by Rainey, it is "an internet program that allows elementary students

to learn about business while playing a game."

Instead of it being necessary for high schools to visit SJC for the many advantages S.I.F.E. offers, the group has created an outreach program. This year, they visited high schools and lectured on the following topics: currency exchange, career in business, stock market, and the use of the internet for business.

Another form of outreach that S.I.F.E. has in the works for next year is introducing the program internationally with the hopes that they will start a team in the particular college visited in another country. If

started in the winter of 2001, as planned, it would involve a type of exchange. S.I.F.E. members would get to visit a foreign country and students from other countries would get to experience American life, as well.

S.I.F.E. provides tours and speakers for

its members as well as the public in many cases. This year, a trip was taken to Orville Reddenbacher so that students could see what initiatives have to be taken to start a business of their own. Also, on April 24, Lynne Chesak was a featured speaker. "She is the daughter of Dr. Chesak. She is a successful business woman and spoke at Professor Scherb's house," explained Rainey. "There was a bus that provided the transportation to his house."

One of the reasons that S.I.F.E. has so many

projects that involve the participation of students is because of their motto. It says "Tell me, and I will forget; show me, and I might remember; involve me, and I will understand." A trip to Chicago for a S.I.F.E. competition was one of the highlights of the year. Although SJC had fewer than 20 members competing against teams with over 60 participants, they still managed to come out as second runner up at the convention. Rainey stated that a little bit of competition was good for the team.

"The competing is very stressful," she said. "But when you are all done you have a sigh of accomplishment. You feel good about everything you did throughout the year." Besides being able to put that she was a member of S.I.F.E. on her resume, she can also boast about receiving the S.I.F.E. Advocate of the Year award.

However, with the stress of competing with larger groups at the convention, S.I.F.E. is trying to reach out to the SJC campus to find more students who can use the club to their advantage. Although S.I.F.E. already has nearly 700 groups across the world, SJC has had a chapter since it began nearly 25 years ago. It has proven to be a successful instrument in teaching college students and local communities about free enterprise.

*If you know or are a member of an organization in the SJC or Rensselaer Community that you think should be featured in The Observer, send suggestions to Features Editor Nick Schafer.*

*"The competing is very stressful... but when you are all done you have a sigh of accomplishment. You feel good about everything you did throughout the year."*

*~Polly Rainey*

# Dan Adams Honored as Senior of the Year

*Award winner believes extensive activities, community involvement helped him earn prestigious honor*

by Susan Huss  
& Breain Ma'Ayteh

There are many awards and honors that students at Saint Joseph's College may win during their career as a Puma. One of the most prestigious among these awards is the Senior of the Year Award.

The honor is bestowed upon a qualifying senior who is nominated by his or her peers. So, how does it feel to be nominated as one of the top seniors by your classmates? Just ask Dan Adams, this year's Senior of the Year. Meeting the minimum requirement of a 3.2 GPA, senior Dan Adams was one of the five seniors who received the most nominations by his classmates for the award. He then had an interview with the Alumni Association Board, and was voted by the board members to receive the award.

"I was surprised when I found out I won," Adams said. "The other top five were really good people, top candidates."

Adams participates in various activities both on and off campus. He was a member of the Minority Student Union (MSU) and served as president of that organization in 1999, and is currently a student assistant for Bonnie Zimmer in the Art Department. His artwork has

been featured on the cover of Measure, SJC's creative writing magazine for the past two years. This is in addition to his active participation in intramural sports. Adams has also coached seventh grade football, as well as seventh and eighth grade wrestling in the local middle school, and he also does volunteer work.

"I really think my activities were the things that put me over [and allowed me to win the award]," Adams said. "And I'm fairly personable, so I did well in the interview. I had just been interviewing for jobs."

Adams, an International Business major from Fort Wayne, Indiana, will receive a plaque, \$100, and a \$30 certificate at the bookstore for winning the award. But being Senior of the Year means that he has to head out into the real world soon.

"I'm going to work for Applied Industrial Technologies in sales management," Adams said. "Initially, for the training period, I'll be in Cleveland." After that, he is not quite sure what the future holds.

"I'd like to get my master's degree in Business Administration sometime in the near future, but I'm not sure when," he said.

For Adams, attending college was always something he knew he would do. When Saint Joseph's Col-

lege offered him a full tuition scholarship for academic leadership, he couldn't say no. He describes his early college days as difficult to adjust to.

"It was tough because I had football practice every day and schoolwork to maintain, and I really wanted to work hard to keep my grades up," he said.

In order to keep those grades up, Adams decided to quit football after his freshman year.

"It's all about time management. You decide what you can do and what you can't. Then you get used to everything and fall into your routine," he said.

Adams admits he's afraid of the future.

"But I know everybody is-it's the fear of the unknown. Everybody has self-doubt at times," he said. "...But that which does not kill us makes us stronger. There will always be little obstacles, but you have the opportunity to take it one way or the other. I try to take things in the best possible way."

Adams says that he finds motivation to succeed from family, coaches, and most importantly, himself.

"I'm pretty self-motivated," he said. "I'm an athlete at heart, and I get my competitive spirit from that. I also want to do my family proud."



by Don Shanahan

For those who follow their movies, there is a fine line between the notions of a "sequel," a "spin-off," and a "series." All of these ideas mean bringing back more of something. Each respectively does so a different way and with a different purpose.

Sequels, for the most part, come along after an original project was successful. Prime offenders are The Lost World and Speed 2: Cruise Control written solely for the sake of cashing in their predecessor's monstrous success.

A spin-off is a way of returning to familiar territory by singling out something supporting and making it the lead for the follow-up. A recent and popular example of this was Tommy Lee Jones commanding focus in U.S. Marshals after being just a part of The Fugitive's grand chase.

Finally, a series is made up of new, self-contained stories following a single character or group of characters that may or may not connect together. James Bond movies are the perfect example for this, in that the spy returns each movie with a new adventure every time with little connection to previous stories. One doesn't need to watch 1962's Dr. No to understand 1999's The World is Not Enough.

With that lesson in movie schemes on the table, I give you a new series example in Along Came a Spider, my final "At the Movies With Don" review for the school year. Along Came a Spider is latest movie to be based on James Patterson's series of six crime novels following the fictitious cases of Washington, D.C. police detective and forensic psychologist Alex Cross. The last Patterson film adaptation was 1997's Kiss the Girls. Kiss was a fantastic film where Morgan Freeman is Alex Cross hunting down "Casanova," a serial killer who collects young beautiful women, with the help of one of his captives who got away (Ashley Judd).

While that case was closed, Alex Cross and Morgan Freeman are back on the silver screen for another high profile case. As before, the Cross character is widely renowned for his psychological approach to fo-

rensic investigation. His books are practically textbooks to all young detectives.

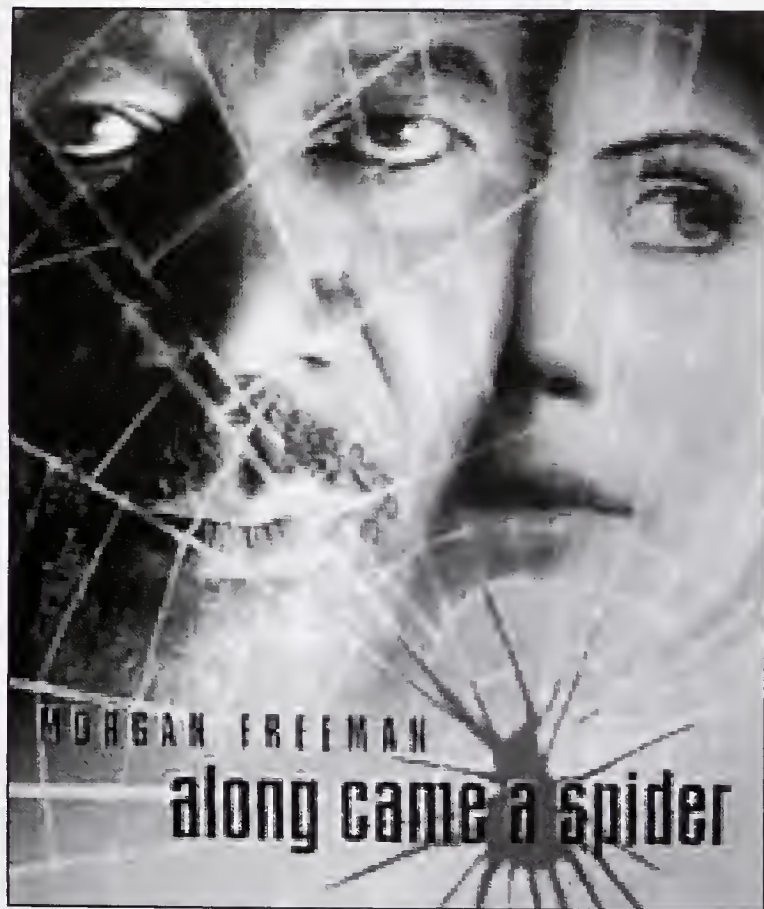
The scenario this time around is the kidnapping of a prominent U.S. Senator's daughter from her Secret Service-monitored school. Initially out of the loop after tragically losing his partner in a sting operation gone bad a few months earlier, Alex Cross, through his fame, is the first person contacted by the girl's kidnapper, who goes by the name of Soneji (Michael Wincott). Over the phone, Cross and Soneji try and match wits in figuring out each other's game.

Cross is not alone as he's backed up by Secret Service Agent Jezzie Flannigan (Monica Potter from Patch Adams), the agent responsible for the girl. Over many clues and leads, the cat-and-mouse (or should I say spider and fly) game is on.

Along Came a Spider has so much excitement and suspense built up between its surprises and plot twists, that it's one of those movies that you should know anything about when you go into it. That's why I am stopping here with the story explanation. By not knowing much about the plot past where you've seen Alex Cross before, the story is there for you, the viewer, to develop and interpret on your own right alongside Alex.

While it may be hard to get a sense of the story without divulging details, I have to give Along Came a Spider my utmost recommendation. The suspense is definitely full-force and more than a few parts will flip your head upside down. Smarter and more analytical moviegoers may see through some of smoke and cliches, but, like all good mysteries, the clues go on until the end. Even that buddy you know that always gets things before you do at the movies will be stumped.

Beyond the twists and suspense, the biggest reason to see Along Came a Spider is to watch Morgan Free-



MORGAN FREEMAN AND Monica Potter star in 'Along Came a Spider' -- the not-quite-sequel to 'Kiss the Girls.'

man at work. While he has donned the Sherlock Holmes-style demeanor before (as Cross in Girls and the guiding Somerset in Seven), Freeman is pleasure to watch each time because he is convincing at showing the human side in all of the hardworking characters he plays. It's easy to just stick with playing the guy on the job, but Freeman goes the extra mile showing the personal side as well. Having never won an Oscar, Morgan Freeman is one of the most unheralded actors working today.

# COACH'S CORNER: Head SJC Baseball Coach Rick O'Dette Has the Diamond Men on a Hot Streak

by Erik Steffen and  
Don Shanahan

Since April 8<sup>th</sup>, the SJC Baseball team has been on a roll in sneaking up the GLVC standings. The team has won eight of their last nine games and ten of their last twelve. Before the surge, Head Coach Rick O'Dette and the Pumas were sitting idle with an 13-19 overall record and just two GLVC in-conference wins. Now, they are back over .500 overall (23-21), stand at 10-11 in the GLVC, and poised to get to the post-season.

To check out who the hot-hitter and shotgunning pitchers for the Pumas are this year, take a look at the team's statistical leaders below in a snazzy photo montage.

Erik Steffen, *The Observer's* resident baseball connection, had the chance to take the "Coach's Corner" reigns by sitting down with Coach O' Dette and asking him some intriguing questions about the season. Here's how the interview

went:

Q. What brought you back to SJC to be a coach after you were a player?

A. I came back to SJC for many reasons. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at SJC as a student and a player. I also wanted to give back to the baseball program for all it has done for me as a player and a person.

Q. What have you learned about coaching in your first year as a head coach?

A. The one thing that I have realized most in my first year of coaching at SJC is that as a coach you can not assume anything. You must be detailed on everything that is said and done.

Q. What is your outlook on the SJC

baseball team for years to come?

A. I feel and hope that SJC baseball has its best years ahead of them.

We have a nice mix of players who really have the ability to be very successful in the years to come.

Q. Do you think that, since you were a pitcher, your team is more defense-oriented, or pitching-oriented?

A. In a wood bat conference you definitely need to pitch and play defense to win

games, but we also have the offensive capability to manufacture and put runs up on the board which takes some pressure off the pitchers.

Q. Is it harder to coach hitting some-

times, since you didn't bat since high school?

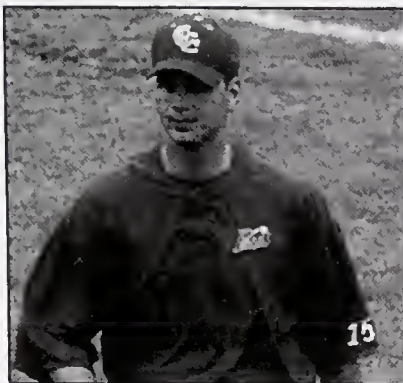
A. At times it hard to coach hitting because I have focused so much on the defensive aspect of the game for the past seven years. Even though I haven't hit in awhile I have always been a student in all aspects of the game. I feel I give the hitters a different mental approach on hitting, I speak from the pitcher's eyes—what the pitcher is trying to do to him at a certain at-bat or certain count.

Q. Out of all the baseball movies out there, which one is your favorite?

A. My favorite movie is "Field of Dreams." It shows why baseball is America's favorite pastime.

Q. Who is your favorite pro team? player? and why?

A. My favorite team is the Chicago White Sox. I love to see young players earn their way to the big leagues. My favorite player was Nolan Ryan- he worked harder than anyone, was a team player and leader that lead by example.



HEAD COACH RICK  
O'DETTE

## TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

(All baseball photos were taken by Rick Stasch) (As of 4/22/2001)



BRIAN STULTZ

highest batting average for starter (.369), most triples (3), most stolen bases (5)



JEFF DOWNS

most hits- tied (52), most runs batted in (39), 2nd in average (.351)



TIM CHAMBERS

most runs (39), most hits- tied (52), most doubles (13), most HR (5)



DERRICK NOSAL

most bases on balls (19) 2nd in hits (43)



TIM PIROWSKI

most at-bats (153), 3rd in runs (29), 3rd in hits (41)



MARK GRUZEWSKI

lowest ERA (1.47), most pitching victories (5), most saves (4)



KEITH NAWROCKI

most strikeouts (45), most complete games- tied (3), 2nd in wins (4)



MARK STASCH

most complete games- tied (3), most innings (59.2), 2nd in wins (4)

## Golf Team Shows Improvement

by Luke Hansen

As the weather continues to improve this spring, so do the expectations of the Puma Men's Golf team.

Thanks to longer-than-expected winter conditions and limited practice time at their home course, the golf team delivered a sub-par performance at the first tournament of the spring season, finishing 17<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA District Qualifier #2 in Falls of Rough, Kentucky.

Freshman Ryan Messner led the Pumas with a two-day score of 163, which placed him 20<sup>th</sup> overall and kept him in

the hunt for an individual NCAA Regional birth.

The following week, in a home invitational at Curtis Creek Country Club in Rensselaer, the Pumas shot a possible-school record 301 and finished second. Messner led the way with a one-under par 71 and fellow-freshman Scott Van Loon fired a 75. Kevin Knaust (77) and Mike Durkin (78) rounded out the Pumas' sub-80 scores.

At the Bethel Invitational, the golf team took home the team championship, knocking off seven other teams in the partner-format tournament. The Pumas

concluded their spring season during Easter break, when they finished tied for 14<sup>th</sup> in the final 20-team District Qualifier. Messner put together rounds of 80 and 75 to place 21<sup>st</sup> overall. Messner's performance throughout the fall and spring seasons has made him a viable candidate for an individual NCAA Regional selection.

The Pumas return five golfers next season, two sophomores and three freshmen. The valuable experience from this past season should help the golf program continue its encouraging improvement.

### 2000-2001 SJC Men's Golf Team Roster (in alphabetical order)

Mike Cronkhite (So.)  
Mike Durkin (So.)  
Luke Hansen (Fr.)  
Girard Hendelman (Fr.)  
Kevin Knaust (Sr.)  
Ryan Messner (Fr.)  
Clay Scagnoli (Sr.)  
Scott Van Loon (Fr.)  
Ben Zimmer (Jr.)

## Student Athletes Conlon and Thomas are SJC's Selections to Attend NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference

Saint Joseph's College student-athletes Kati Conlon (Jr, volleyball, Muncie, IN/ Yorktown) and Aaron Thomas (Sr, Track and Field, Indianapolis, IN/Indy Tech) are one of 300 student-athletes that have been selected to participate in the fifth annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

The student-athletes were selected from a total of 1,084 nominations from NCAA member institutions that participate in the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The conference will be held May 28 through June 1, 2001, at Disney's Wide World of Sports and Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Conlon and Thomas are the second and third representatives from Saint Joseph's College that have attended this conference.

Last year, Varon Cantrell was SJC's representative.

Kati Conlon has been a three-year member of the Saint Joseph's College volleyball team. She was a two-time captain and been selected to the Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team the past three years. Conlon also is a member of the Education Club at Saint Joseph's College. She has been awarded a scholarship for pursuing the field of special education.

Aaron Thomas has been a four-year member of the Saint Joseph's College track and field as well as a three-year member of the football team. He earned All-American status this past indoor track and field season as he placed eighth in the 35 lb. weight throw. Besides being a mem-

ber of the track and field team, Thomas also has been involved in many extra-curricular activities including Business Club, Minority Student Union, Multi-Cultural Affairs and Resident Hall Assistant. He also has been the recipient of the Future Business Executive Award as well as the Multi-Cultural Student Affairs Academic Achievement Award.

The mission of the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference is to provide a diverse group of the nation's top student-athletes an opportunity to actively participate in challenging and through-provoking activities that will enable them to become better leaders on their campuses and in their communities. As a result of participation, the student-athletes will enhance their com-

munication skills, decision-making and problem solving skills, critical-thinking skills, and collaborative skills. The conference also promotes better communication among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

Over 1,300 student-athletes have taken part in the NCAA Foundation Leadership experience. The student-athletes chosen to participate will represent all NCAA divisions, 22 different sports and more than 20 countries. For more information on the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference and the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, log on to the NCAA web site at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org).

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## Track Teams Continue to Push Up National Ranks

—by Don Shanahan—

### LITTLE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At DePauw University

School records were toppled three times at the Little State meet. Senior thrower Kim Noon set a new SJC school record in the javelin throw. Her heave measured 119'3". The second two records were the same record broke twice by two different people. Sophomore Jason Johnson leapt 22'11" to break the school long jump record only to be topped by fellow Puma Josh Hughes minutes later. The junior flew 23'7" and added nearly another foot to Johnson's record. From a team standpoint, the men finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams at the meet, while the women finished a superb 3<sup>rd</sup> out of their 18 team field.

#### Top Men's Finishers

Josh Hughes—1<sup>st</sup> long jump (23'7" new school record)  
Joe Koczan—2<sup>nd</sup> discus  
Joe Koczan—2<sup>nd</sup> shot put (national qualifying mark)  
Greg Myers—2<sup>nd</sup> high jump  
Jason Johnson—2<sup>nd</sup> long jump (22'11" is second best in school history)  
Joe Koczan—3<sup>rd</sup> hammer throw  
Tim Newman—3<sup>rd</sup> 800m run  
Josh Hughes—4<sup>th</sup> high jump  
Rickey McCray—6<sup>th</sup> 200m run  
Aaron Thomas—7<sup>th</sup> hammer throw

Rickey McCray—7<sup>th</sup> 100m run  
Kevin Moeller—7<sup>th</sup> 3,000m steeple-chase  
Jason Johnson—7<sup>th</sup> 400m hurdles  
Greg Myers—8<sup>th</sup> triple jump  
Top Women's Finishers  
Kim Noon—1<sup>st</sup> javelin throw (119'3": new school record)  
Kim Noon—1<sup>st</sup> discus throw  
Melissa Kleinmaus—1<sup>st</sup> 400m hurdles  
Lyndi Cruikshank—1<sup>st</sup> triple jump  
Maria Toledo—2<sup>nd</sup> 5,000m run  
Jamie Marshall—3<sup>rd</sup> 400m hurdles  
Kim Noon—3<sup>rd</sup> hammer throw  
4x100m relay team—4<sup>th</sup>  
Lyndi Cruikshank—4<sup>th</sup> long jump  
Kelli Deckard—5<sup>th</sup> hammer throw  
Kelli Deckard—6<sup>th</sup> discus throw  
Alexis Virtue—8<sup>th</sup> 3,000m run  
Kelli Deckard—8<sup>th</sup> shot put

### GLVC CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Lewis University

This is the big one, folks. The conference meet, the tale of the tape, and the championship honor for the next year rode on the heels of this meet. It's the GLVC Championships and the Pumas stepped up to perform well. The Saint Joseph's College track and field teams succeeded in achieving All-GLVC honors in twelve events, meaning a second or first place finish. Both teams finished third in their

conference competitions and stayed solid in the NCAA rankings. Going into the meet, the men's team was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation and the women's team was 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Men's Top Finishers

Tim Newman—1<sup>st</sup> 1,500m run (All-GLVC)  
Joe Koczan—1<sup>st</sup> shot put (All-GLVC)  
Joe Koczan—1<sup>st</sup> discus throw (All-GLVC)  
Aaron Thomas—2<sup>nd</sup> hammer throw (All-GLVC)  
Jared Weller—2<sup>nd</sup> 5,000m run (All-GLVC)  
Joe Koczan—3<sup>rd</sup> hammer throw  
Josh Hughes—3<sup>rd</sup> long jump  
Josh Hughes—3<sup>rd</sup> high jump  
Tom O'Conner—4<sup>th</sup> pole vault  
Jason Johnson—4<sup>th</sup> 400m hurdles  
Jason Johnson—4<sup>th</sup> long jump  
Greg Myers—4<sup>th</sup> high jump  
Andy Cool—4<sup>th</sup> discus throw  
Joe Graves—4<sup>th</sup> javelin throw  
Joe Graves—4<sup>th</sup> decathlon  
4x100m relay team—4<sup>th</sup>  
Aaron Thomas—5<sup>th</sup> discus throw  
Andy Cool—5<sup>th</sup> shot put  
Greg Myers—5<sup>th</sup> triple jump  
Joe Graves—5<sup>th</sup> pole vault  
4x400m relay team—6<sup>th</sup>  
Jeremy Freel—6<sup>th</sup> hammer throw  
Jeremy Freel—6<sup>th</sup> discus throw

Jeff Barker—6<sup>th</sup> 10,000m run  
Derek Dowty—6<sup>th</sup> shot put  
Women's Top Finishers  
Melissa Kleinmaus—1<sup>st</sup> heptathlon (All-GLVC)  
Alexis Virtue—1<sup>st</sup> 10,000m run (All-GLVC)  
Sarah Garman—2<sup>nd</sup> shot put (All-GLVC)  
Nancy Giovingo—2<sup>nd</sup> pole vault (All-GLVC)  
Kim Noon—2<sup>nd</sup> javelin throw (All-GLVC)  
Kim Noon—2<sup>nd</sup> hammer throw (All-GLVC)  
Melissa Kleinmaus—2<sup>nd</sup> 400m hurdles (All-GLVC)  
Anne Balmes—3<sup>rd</sup> pole vault  
4x400m relay team—3<sup>rd</sup>  
4x100m relay team—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jaymi Hartzler—4<sup>th</sup> 3000m run  
Kim Noon—4<sup>th</sup> discus  
Kelli Deckard—4<sup>th</sup> shot put  
Lyndi Cruikshank—5<sup>th</sup> triple jump  
Shana Wyatt—5<sup>th</sup> 10,000m run  
Kelli Deckard—5<sup>th</sup> hammer throw  
Kelli Deckard—5<sup>th</sup> discus  
Lyndi Cruikshank—6<sup>th</sup> long jump  
Sarah Flory—6<sup>th</sup> 10,000m run  
Maria Toledo—6<sup>th</sup> 5000m run  
Teresa Gaura—6<sup>th</sup> 800m run  
Becca Niziolek—6<sup>th</sup> 100m dash  
Anne Balmes—6<sup>th</sup> javelin throw

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS

The following players were announced as 2000-2001 award recipients

#### Most Efficient Players

Erin Sampsel  
Heather Allen

#### Most Improved Award

Andrea Milliser

#### The Sportsmanship Award

Karin Morrisroe

#### The Hustle Award

Michelle Wegner

#### Defensive Award

Erin Sampsel

### CORRECTION

In last issue's track article, the Gerry England Invitational meet was credited to be hosted by Indiana University. There is no such place and the correct host school was the University of Indianapolis. The Observer sports desk apologizes for this mistake and confusion

As the graduating and outgoing sports editor, I would like to send a special thank you to:

**Joe Danahey**

**SJC Sports Information Director**

Joe's tireless dedication to covering and organizing SJC sports news and results is unmatched. His official SJC sports website articles and weekly e-mail updates have been my top source for the most up-to-the-moment sports beat. For his help, I say 'thank you.'

**Don Shanahan**

**The Observer sports editor**

## ...?Did You Know?... X marks the spot

In early Semitic writing the letter X was called samekh, meaning "fish." It was not used as a letter but as a picture symbol for a fish. The ancient Greeks first used X as a letter. The X, being the first letter in the Greek writing of Christ's name, Xristos, became associated with the Crucifixion and symbolised truth. Illiterate persons signed documents with an X as an oath that the content is true. Even kings - although they could write - often used the X as a sign of truth and commitment. Eventually this symbol of truth became associated with kisses. So, when you sign a card that says "I love you" off with Xs, not only are you sending kisses but you're saying, "This is the truth!"

Truth, it is said, often is

stranger than fiction. And there is a connection between, truth, fiction and kisses. Don Juan is the name of a fictional Spanish nobleman whose career ended when a stone statue carried him off to hell. In 1823, Lord Byron observed of Don Juan, "Tis strange - but true; for truth is always strange, - stranger than fiction," thus coining the phrase "truth is stranger than fiction." Back on earth, the legendary romantic enjoys happier times. It was in the 1926 film version of Don Juan that actor Lionel Barrymore set the record for the most kisses ever in a single film. Barrymore embraced Mary Astor and Estelle Taylor 127 times. And that is the truth.

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"I saw the angel in the marble and I carved until I set him free."  
-Michelangelo

"Poetry is an orphan of silence. The words never quite equal the experience behind them."  
-Charles Simic

"To dare to live alone is the rarest courage; since there are many who had rather meet their bitterest enemy in the field, than their own hearts in their closet."  
-Charles Caleb Colton

## Don't Miss These Summer Holidays

### May

- National BBQ Month
- Senior Citizens Month
- 1 May Day
- 5 Cinco De Mayo
- 12 Native American Day
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day
- 16 National Bike to Work Day
- 21 Victoria Day
- 22 National Vanilla Pudding Day
- 31 National Speak in Full Sentences

### June

- 10 National Yo-Yo Day
- 15 A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 30 National Ice Cream Soda Day

### July

- 2 National Literacy Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 11 National Blueberry Muffin Day
- 16 National Ice Cream Day
- 26 All or Nothing Day
- 29 National Avoid Boredom Week

### August

- 4 National Chocolate Chip Day
- 5 National Day of Peace
- 10 Lazy Day
- 12-18 Elvis Week
- 19-25 Weird Contest Week
- 25 Kiss and Make up Day
- 28 Dream Day

## Monon Theatre Presents

"O Brother Where Art Thou?"

April 20-26  
PG 13  
Comedy

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
7:30 & 9:30  
SUNDAY  
4:30 & 7:30  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
7:30

## Song

She sat and sang away  
By the green margin of a stream,  
Watching the fishes leap and play  
Beneath the glad sunbeam.

I sat and wept away  
Beneath the moon's most shadowy beam,  
Watching the blossoms of the May  
Weep leaves into the stream.

I wept for memory;  
She sang for hope that is so fair:  
My tears were swallowed by the sea;  
Her songs died on the air.  
Christina Rossetti

## May

**The Mummy Returns-** This adventurous sequel has Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz married years late and brought back into the mummy legend when it awakens in London.

**Angel Eyes-** Jennifer Lopez plays an abused cop who is mysteriously drawn to a man (Jim Caviezel of *Frequency*) whose wife and child was brutally murdered.

**A Knight's Tale-** *The Patriot's* Heath Ledger is a illegitimate peasant boy who grows up striving to be the best jousting knight in the royal arena.

**Shrek-** Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, John Lithgow, and Eddie Murphy lend their voice talents to the this computer-animated adventure of a green ogre who falls for a princess.

**Cats and Dogs-** Dueling pets are animated into talking and battling around the house. Tobey Maguire, Michael Clarke Duncan, Susan Sarandon, and many more lend their voices.

**Pearl Harbor-** In the style of *Titanic* and from the \$135 million production team behind *Armageddon*, the epic catastrophe that brought America into World War II is the backdrop for heroism and a love story of two brothers (Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett) falling for the same woman (Kate Beckinsale).

## June

**Evolution-** From the director of *Ghostbusters*, David Duchovny, Orlando Jones (The "7-Up Guy from *The Replacements*), Seann William Scott (*American Pie* and *Road Trip*), and Julianne Moore must humor-

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Don Shanahan

ously save the world from aliens that have landed in the Southwest.

**The Animal-** Rob Schneider, in following up *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*, plays a man who, after receiving transplanted animal parts in surgery after a car crash, starts acting like those animals.

**Swordfish-** John Travolta is a deadly rogue government agent who enlists the help of a burned out computer hacker (Hugh Jackman of *X-Men*) to pull off a billion dollar internet heist.

**What is the Worst That Could Happen?-** Martin Lawrence is a lowly thief who tries to get even with one of his victims (Danny DeVito) that actually turned the tables and stole from him.

**Rollerball-** The cult futuresport classic is remade with Chris Klein (*American Pie*) and LL Cool J starring as the top athletes of a hyperfast, rollerblading-gladiator-like sport.

**Atlantis: The Lost Empire-** Disney's annual summer animation feature tells the exciting tale of 1900's explorers on search for the fabled submerged continent.

**Tomb Raider-** Angelina Jolie brings the video game babe-warrior to life, khaki shorts and all.

**Dr. Dolittle 2-** Eddie Murphy returns to talk to the animals.

**A.I.: Artificial Intelligence-** Steven Spielberg directs the final project of Stanley Kubrick, a story of android

boy (Haley Joel Osment) who wishes to be human.

**Baby Boy-** Director John Singleton (*Boyz 'N the Hood*) returns to the inner city for a story of a single father (singer Tyrese) fighting his family and his adversaries. Ving Rhames and Snoop Doggy Dog co-star.

## July

**America's Sweethearts-** A movie within a movie has publicist Billy Crystal trying to land an A-list actress (Catherine Zeta-Jones) after a messy public divorce with her husband (John Cusack). Oh, I forgot to mention it also has Julia Roberts!

**The Fast and the Furious-** Paul Walker (*Varsity Blues*) and Vin Diesel (*Pitch Black*) are part of an L.A. street-underworld where muscle cars are raced illegally.

**Scary Movie 2-** The horror-spoof of last year gets a sequel!

**Jurassic Park 3-** Dinosaurs return to reek more havoc as Sam Neill (Dr. Grant from the original) fights them off alongside Tea Leoni and William H. Macy.

**The Score-** Edward Norton, Robert De Niro, and Marlon Brando are three master thieves all wanting a piece of the same heist.

**Planet of the Apes-** Director Tim Burton's "revisioning" of the adventure and danger when a human pilot descends on a planet full of very advanced primates.

## August

**Rush Hour 2-** The kinetic Jackie Chan and the sarcastic Chris Tucker re-team for more fun, this time in Hong Kong.

**Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back-** Just as the title suggests, the boys of the *Clerks* and *Mallrats* (Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith) return.

**Captain Corelli's Mandolin-** From the director of *Shakespeare in Love*, Nicolas Cage plays a Italian army captain who falls

**John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars-** Natasha Henstridge (the *Species* girl) and Ice Cube have to work together against an unknown force which is stalking inhabitants of future Mars.

**American Outlaws-** The Western story of Jessie James gets a shot of youth from newcomer Colin Farrell, Ali Larter, and Scott Caan (both of *Varsity Blues*).

**Original Sin-** Antonio Banderas is a wealthy Cuban merchant heart-set on revenge after he is swindled and left for dead by the American heiress wife who deceived him.

**Summer Catch-** Young romantic comedy set in a Cape Cod minor league baseball town where a poor local player (Freddie Prinze, Jr.) falls for the wealthy girl from out-of-town (Jessica Biel of TV's "7th Heaven")

**American Pie 2-** Our boys of sexual stupidity (Jason Biggs, Chris Klien, Thomas Ian Nichols, and Seann William Scott) find themselves in college.